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More recyclers wanted

Waste department recommends greater student involvement

Rebecca Wilson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC recycles about 881 tons of material each year, said Laura Pergolizzi, the environmental services manager for the recycling and waste department.

Pergolizzi said this number is average, but there is always room for improvement.

“There is definitely more that can be done considering the resources that we have,” she said. “We do OK.”

The major setback the department is experiencing now is a lack of hands, Pergolizzi said.

“We only have three people that empty the recycling bins from buildings that are not residence halls, and we need an office for promotional type things,” she said. “Right now our office has the equivalent to about 4.5 people.”

It is important to have the means to meet the demand of recycling, Pergolizzi said. If there is no visible outcome from recycling efforts, people get frustrated and begin throwing everything in the trash. This negates the effort to keep materials that can be reused.

The recycling department recycles basic office items such as paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

But Pergolizzi said wooden pallets, fluorescent lamps, construction waste, glass, electronics, printer cartridges, tires, motor oil, oil filters and batteries are also recycled on campus.

Most of this material, however, comes from offices rather than dorms.

“Students need to get more involved and recycle more,” Pergolizzi said.

Jason Craig, assistant director of the Learning Center at West Quad, said even though West Quad has a few more recycling options than other dorms, students do not utilize it as much as they could.

“I think there is overall more awareness of all kinds



Gretchen Burrack / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Campus recycling hopes to cut down on the amount of trash put into receptacles.

of green issues here, but [the residents] don’t participate as much as they can,” Craig said.

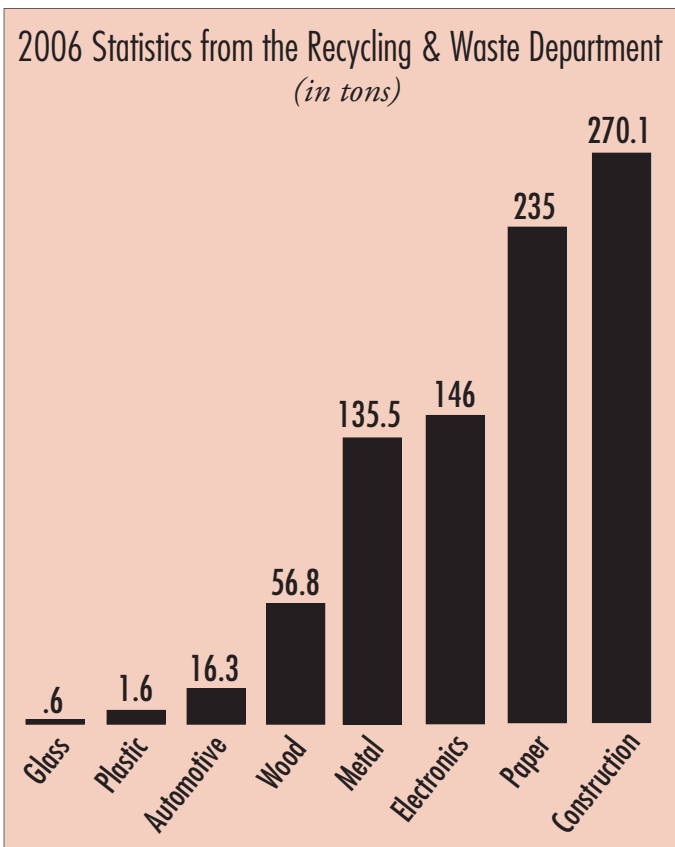
Sarah Yorty, a graduate assistant at West Quad, works to keep the recycling system updated and organized. She wants to bring new and better recycling bins to the dorm.

“The old bins are not clearly labeled, and they have removable lids, so students don’t know what material goes in which bin,” Yorty said.

Having closed lids on clearly marked bins that have openings specific to the type of material being recycled will help the program, Yorty said.

“Trash getting mixed in is so often the problem with recycling,” Yorty said, and

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Kelly Bobrow / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

AAAS members play “The Real Monopoly” Tuesday night.

Hypothetical budgeting teaches life management

Students manage money for families, businesses during planning exercise

Leslie Bennett
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students pinched pennies as they made a fictional monthly budget during the Association of African American Students’ meeting Tuesday.

The audience was divided into three groups: red, yellow and blue. Each was asked to create a budget for a given scenario in 15 minutes. The group that came the closest to the real-life budget received brownies. A spokesman from each group presented the budget to the audience.

The red group represented a single-parent family with two young kids. The mother worked as a desk clerk at a school making \$2,500 with taxes already taken out. She had \$450 in her checking account. She needed money for insurance, day care, clothes, food, an oil change for the car and the townhouse note.

The group decided to use \$400 for day care for the younger child and send the older one to Head Start. They used \$100 for clothes, \$300 for food, \$50 for diapers, \$20 for the oil change, and \$750 for rent. They spent \$1,620 and had \$880 left over.

Idot Louis, a fourth-year

education student, pointed out the importance of a budget.

“Sometimes people overspend — that’s how they end up in debt,” Louis said. “If they used a budget and stuck to it, there’d be less overspending and debt.”

The yellow group represented a single, established individual who was starting an advertising firm. They were approved for a business loan for only \$100,000 because they had poor credit. They worked at a firm making \$3,000 a month. They needed to pay employees with benefits, buy office supplies, pay for phone and Internet service, janitorial services, transportation for business and office furniture.

The group used \$5,000 for office furniture, \$15,000 to pay the employees, \$2,000 for rent, \$100 for phone and Internet service and \$7,000 for office supplies. They spent \$29,200 and had \$73,800 left over.

Lea Clary, a third-year media arts student, said she learned a lot about businesses.

“I’m a low-priced person. I don’t think I would’ve paid my employees a whole lot of money,” Clary said. “They’d be paid pro bono until they were bringing in money. Then they’d get bonuses.”

The blue group budgeted a traditional college graduate. The hypothetical individual just graduated and was not

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Senators ask RHA for money to buy a TV for Patterson.

Patterson to get new HD-TV

RHA allocates funds toward television for dorm’s laundry room

Chantelle Lytle
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Residence Hall Association held its weekly Senate meeting Tuesday. Topics addressed included the addition of a television to Patterson Hall, Residence Adviser Week

and the Hidden Riddle Race.

The Residence Hall Association agreed to provide \$1,350 to Patterson for the implementation of a high-definition television in the laundry room. RHA President Terrill Wilkins, a fourth-year history student, said the money was generated from a specific account for the sole purpose of hall renovations. “The television will be located in their laundry room and will serve as

a recreational outlet,” Wilkins said.

After Patterson Hall President and first-year business student Erika Powell and Senator and first-year nursing student Donielle Yancey proposed the financial allocation, members were given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposition.

“I live at the Roost and we have a television in our building,” said first-year pharmacy student Robert Pittmon. “I voted for

the bill. It’s only fair to give every residence hall equal opportunities for renovation.”

First-year nursing student Neekie Hamilton, a resident of Patterson Hall, said she anticipates the arrival of the new television.

“That basement is really creepy,” said Hamilton. “At least I’ll be distracted now. It’s incredibly uncomfortable to be down there alone. The TV won’t be a security guard but at

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Columbia works on homeless problem

New public shelter planned for helping less fortunate

Sierra Kelly
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

As Columbia's homeless population continues to grow, the city is struggling with where to put them.

The Capital City operates two shelters: one at the corner of Bull and Taylor streets and another at Park and Senate.

Danita Speaks, an officer with the Columbia Police Department who helps run them, says the overcrowded shelters operate on limited hours.

"On Bull and Taylor they have services during the day hours Monday through Friday," Speaks said. "The one on Park and Senate is closed during the day."

Michael Lee, indigent services director for the Homeless Services Center on Bull and Taylor streets, said the city is taking steps to build an additional shelter, possibly in a three-story building on the site of the former mental health facility on Bull Street.

Lee said the building could be the first step to solving the city's homeless problem.

"We started brainstorming what the building could be as well as some transitional housing and a number of service providers being on site such as mental health

issues to be addressed," Lee said.

The city has requested that \$750,000 allocated by the state Legislature be used to build a new shelter in the downtown area.

Lee said the money would be a great attribute for the shelter in Columbia. He said that the shelter at the corner Bull and Taylor streets will close by the end of March, because of financial problems.

Lee said the shelters do a lot of positive things for the city's homeless population, including helping them find jobs and housing.

"We're getting people into addiction recovery programs," he said.

Lee said that homelessness is a bigger problem in the winter months because more people need a warm place to sleep at night, and he supports the construction of a new homeless shelter downtown because of the growing problem.

The goal of the shelters, Lee said, is to get people off the streets and into homes.

Lonnie Johnson, a homeless shelter volunteer, said he tries to make people at the shelter feel more at home. He said it's important to provide a homey environment for the people who come to the shelter.

The city will close the shelters once spring arrives and hopes to have the new permanent shelter completed by next winter.

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The homeless shelter on Senate Street plans to close in the spring. The city hopes to open a new shelter on Bull Street.

Strom's kin criticizes Sharpton

Thurmond's biracial daughter defends senator despite past racist policies

Katrina A. Goggins
The Associated Press

The biracial daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond defended the former segregationist on Tuesday and said the Rev. Al Sharpton "overreacted" when Sharpton learned he is a descendant of a slave owned by the senator's relatives.

"In spite of the fact he was a segregationist, he did many wonderful things for black people ... I'm not sure that Reverend Sharpton is aware of all the things he did," said Essie Mae Washington-Williams, 81, who was in South Carolina for a speech. "I kind of feel that there was a little overreaction."

But Sharpton said Washington-Williams reacted to a father-daughter relationship, while he reacted to "a property ownership."

"I think I underreacted if anything," Sharpton said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

Professional genealogists working for Ancestry.com found that Sharpton's great-grandfather Coleman Sharpton was a slave owned by Julia Thurmond, whose grandfather was Strom Thurmond's great-great-grandfather. Coleman Sharpton was later freed.

When Sharpton learned of the link, he said: "It was probably the most shocking thing in my life."

"When someone is handing you the actual papers of your blood relatives — indentured servants papers



Tim Dominick / The Associated Press

Essie Mae Washington-Williams, 81, whose father was the late Sen. Strom Thurmond, answers questions about her family and ties to the Rev. Al Sharpton's family Tuesday.

and the tax rolls of where they were property — then it's no longer some objective, nebulous knowledge," Sharpton said. "It became an in my face, direct kind of subjective situation."

Washington-Williams, who knew that Thurmond was her father for most of her life but only made it public three years ago, said she was surprised when she first saw the report about the link on the Internet.

She said she has been bothered by Sharpton's television appearances.

"We all know that several generations back people were in slavery," Washington-Williams said.

She said her father provided black students with scholarships and was considered "very approachable" by his

constituents — both black and white.

Thurmond, of South Carolina, was once considered an icon of racial segregation. During his 1948 bid for president, he promised to preserve segregation. In 1957, he filibustered for more than 24 hours against a civil rights bill.

Washington-Williams has said she once confronted her father on the issue of race and he defended his beliefs as part of the "culture and custom of the South."

Sharpton, who ran for president in 2004 on a ticket of racial justice, said he met Thurmond in 1991 with the late soul singer James Brown, who knew Thurmond. Sharpton said the meeting was "awkward."

"I was not happy to meet him because what he had

done all his life," Sharpton said.

Thurmond, the nation's long-serving senator, was originally a Democrat but became a Republican in 1964. He softened his segregation stance later in his life and died in 2003, at 100.

While he never publicly acknowledged Washington-Williams as his daughter, Thurmond supported her.

Sharpton also wants a DNA test to see if he is related to Thurmond. If that test turns out positive, Washington-Williams said she would welcome Sharpton to the family.

A telephone message left Tuesday at Strom Thurmond Jr.'s office was not immediately returned and Paul Thurmond was not immediately available for comment.

State House News Briefs

Pregnant women seeking an abortion in South Carolina would be required to first look at ultrasound images of their fetus under legislation heading to the House floor.

The House Judiciary Committee advanced the proposal Tuesday without discussion.

Proponents hope the bill will lead to fewer abortions, with more women opting for adoption or keeping their child. Abortion rights activists have criticized the measure, saying the ultrasound should be an option because no woman should be forced to undergo a medically unnecessary procedure.

Last year, Michigan and Oklahoma passed laws giving a woman the option of viewing her unborn baby by ultrasound before an abortion.

A proposal making illegal immigrants ineligible for food stamps advanced Tuesday to the House floor.

The bill bars illegal immigrants ages 18 and older from receiving state help to buy food. All applicants would have to sign a form verifying they're a citizen or legal immigrant, and their information would be verified through a federal program. Those who lie on the form would be guilty of perjury.

The House Judiciary Committee amended the bill so that it doesn't apply to children of illegal immigrants, who are eligible for food assistance by federal law.

Elementary school students in second grade or below could be picked up and dropped off by school buses at their front doors, according to a House bill,

which has passed out of committee.

Students who live less than a mile and a half from school, but have a dangerous walk like having to cross a highway could also catch the bus under the bill.

The program would cost an extra \$4.5 million for door-to-door pickup and \$3.6 million for dangerous area pickup. That money hasn't been put into the budget.

Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, said students are in more danger waiting at the bus stop than walking to catch the bus and plans to file a minority report against the bill when it comes up on the House floor.

Some 4-year-olds will have the option of going to pre-kindergarten classes in a bill passed by a House committee.

The program, which would start statewide in the 2008-2009 school year, gives funding to set up classes for 4-year-old students designated as "at-risk" because of their family's income.

The proposal applies to both private and public schools. If a public program runs out of room, parents will be referred to either other public schools or private schools in the area.

Poorest students will be able to enroll first if the state doesn't pay the entire \$180 million for the program

Many districts already have pre-kindergarten programs, but don't get any money for it, said Rep. Michael Anthony, D-Union, a teacher and coach.

The state doesn't have enough money for all 4-year-olds to attend, but Rep. Jimmy Neal, D-Kershaw, said it should be available to as many people as possible.

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attending graduate school. They were recently hired at a finance firm and received a signing bonus of \$1,500. They needed business attire clothing because they only had two suits.

They had \$50 in their checking account and needed money for car insurance, health insurance, rent, food and apartment furnishings.

The group used \$100 for car insurance, \$200 for health insurance, \$500 for rent, \$150 for food, \$150 for gas and \$400 for business attire. They spent \$1,500 and had \$50 left.

Ashley Pauling, a second-year education student, said

most college students do not think about budgets until after they graduate.

"I don't live on a budget," Pauling said. "A lot of the time, people come out of college not thinking about that. It's when they start to see the real life impact of one that they use a budget."

Ashley Keyes, a third-year advertising student, and Joni Dunmyer, a third-year biology student, explained a real-life budget for each scenario based on research they conducted.

Keyes said a typical monthly budget for a single parent family in 2007 would be around \$1,700 because of an average \$900 cost for

rent and \$200 for day care for two kids.

Keyes also explained the budget for the established individual. She pointed out how it would be wiser to start off with only a few employees at \$10 an hour until revenue increased. She also mentioned that one would need more than one computer, which fell under office supplies.

As a result, a typical monthly budget would be around \$64,000. Keyes also said it would be difficult to get a loan for a new business easily, especially if it was running for less than a year.

An exception would be getting a cosigner from an

established business for the loan.

Dunmyer explained the budget of a college graduate. She said the blue group could save more money by getting a fuel-efficient car, which would cut gas expenses from \$150 to \$60.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of a list of Internet sources, such as www.Bcbs.com (Blue Cross Blue Shield) and www.bankofamerica.com. There were also brochures about starting businesses available.

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she hopes that the new recycling bins will help to solve that problem.

"Ideally, I would like this to spread throughout campus and have all the residence halls use this type of recycling," Yorty said.

Yorty also spoke of a lack of student initiative in regards to recycling on campus.

"I think things could always be better, but it's also a matter of students making a more conscious effort to recycle," she said.

Craig echoed this concern, saying that there is a heightened awareness of issues such as recycling and

sustainability in the news now.

"I think that it really boils down to, not the president or Al Gore, but to every single individual making those changes. And that's where the profound changes are going to happen," Craig said.

Pergolizzi hopes these profound changes will come, and with them, a more environmentally efficient program in the recycling and waste department.

"Without that, we will never go beyond average," Pergolizzi said.

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least I won't miss 'Grey's Anatomy' now."

RHA also announced that Resident Adviser Appreciation Week begins Monday, March 5.

"RA Appreciation Week has been put in place to honor each RA on campus," said first-year advertising student Jenna Rydberg. "Each residence hall was given a suggested agenda along with our theme 'No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem.' We hope this week will show the resident advisors how much they really are appreciated."

Also on RHA's agenda for March is the Hidden Riddle Race on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. Students who register at the Russell House Information Desk by March 9 will receive a free T-shirt. The Horseshoe has been designated as the meeting place and participants are encouraged to arrive early to sign in.

"My only hope for this event is that residents have a great morning while

learning more things about their campus," said Community Service Chair of RHA and fourth-year accounting student Katie Hageman. "We aren't just targeting first-year students for the event. I am a senior and while designing the hunt, even I found out things about Carolina I never knew."

All proceeds will benefit St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. St. Jude's is the third-largest health-care charity in America, a premier center for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children, according to its Web site.

"Being from the South, I've heard a lot about St. Jude's Research Hospital," said first-year retail student Ansley Griffin. "I think this event is a good opportunity to not only get involved with a prominent research charity but also with our campus."

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Stocks slide after past market highs

In lowest dip since Sept. 11, Dow Jones drops 546.20 points

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks had their worst day of trading since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks Tuesday, hurtling the Dow Jones industrials down more than 400 points on a worldwide tide of concern that the U.S. and Chinese economies are stumbling and that share prices have become overinflated.

The steepness of the market's drop, as well as its global breadth, signaled a possible correction after a long period of stable and steadily rising stock markets that had not been shaken by such a volatile day of trading in several years.

A 9 percent slide in Chinese stocks, which came a day after investors sent Shanghai's benchmark index to a record high close, set the tone for U.S. trading. The Dow began the day falling sharply, and the decline accelerated throughout the course of the session before stocks took a huge plunge in late afternoon as computer-driven sell programs kicked in, and also as a computer glitch caused a delay in the recording of a large number of trades.

The Dow fell 546.20, or 4.3 percent, to 12,086.06 before recovering some ground in the last hour of trading to close down 416.02, or 3.29 percent, at 12,216.24, leaving it in negative territory for the year. Because the worst



Andy Wong / The Associated Press

Investors view stock prices at a private stock market gallery in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Share prices on Bursa Malaysia were broadly lower at midday due to lack of support as investors continued concern for Wall Street.

of the plunge took place after 2:30 p.m., the New York Stock Exchange's trading limits, designed to halt such precipitous moves, were not activated.

It was the Dow's worst point decline since Sept. 17, 2001, the first trading day after the terror attacks, when the blue chips fell 684.81, or 7.13 percent. In percentage terms, it was the biggest decline since March 24, 2003, when the index fell 3.6 percent as investors started

getting rattled as U.S. casualties mounted in the early days after the invasion of Iraq.

The drop hit every sector across the market, and a total of \$632 billion was lost in total in U.S. stocks on Tuesday, according to Standard & Poor's Corp. Riskier issues such as small-cap and technology stocks suffered some of the biggest declines, but big industrial companies, those that are often hurt the most in an

economic downturn, also were pummeled, with raw materials producers among the hardest hit.

But analysts who have been expecting a pullback after a huge rally that began last October and sent the Dow to a series of record highs, were unfazed by Tuesday's drop. "This corrective consolidation phase isn't just going to be one day, but we don't believe this is going to be a bear market," said Bob Doll, BlackRock's global chief investment officer of equities.

Some investors also tried to put Tuesday's slide into a longer-term perspective.

"All who invest should feel grateful that we've had a great run for the last 12 to 18 months," said Joel Kleinman, a Washington, D.C. attorney, adding that he has learned to not read too much into any short-term ups and downs. "This is another day in the market."

Still, traders' dwindling confidence was knocked down further by data showing that the economy may be decelerating more than anticipated. A Commerce Department

report that orders for durable goods in January dropped by the largest amount in three months exacerbated jitters about the direction of the U.S. economy, just a day after former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said the United States may be headed for a recession.

"It looks more and more like the economy is a slow growth economy," said Michael Strauss, chief economist at Commonfund. "Moderate economic growth is good — an abrupt stop in economic growth scares people."

The market had been expecting the government on Wednesday to revise its estimate of fourth-quarter GDP growth down to an annual rate of about 2.3 percent from an initial forecast of 3.5 percent, and grew increasingly nervous on Tuesday that the figure could come in even lower.

The housing market, which the Street had been hoping had bottomed out, also looked far from recovery after a Standard & Poor's index indicated that single-family home prices across the nation were

flat in December. A later report from the National Association of Realtors said existing home sales climbed in January by the largest amount in two years, but the data didn't erase housing-related concerns, as median home prices fell for a sixth straight month.

But a growing feeling that Wall Street, which has had a big run-up since October, was due for a correction also played into Tuesday's decline.

"I think that the market was prepared to pull back. The constellation of issues that were worrying the market came to a head," said Quincy Krosby, chief investment strategist at The Hartford.

Still, the market will need to pull back further before its decline can officially be called a correction, which is considered a 10 percent decline in a bull market.

Just a week ago, the Dow had reached new closing and trading highs, rising as high as 12,795.92; it's now down 4.5 percent from that level.

The Dow's decline accelerated at a faster than normal pace during the afternoon after a computer glitch kept some trades from being immediately reflected in the index of 30 blue chip stocks. Dow Jones & Co., the media company which manages the flagship index, said the problem occurred after it was discovered computers were not properly calculating trades, prompting a switch to a backup computer.

The result was a massive plunge in the average in the seconds it took Dow Jones to switch to its secondary computers.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 50.33, or 3.47 percent, Tuesday to 1,399.04, and the tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index was off 96.66, or 3.86 percent, at 2,407.86. Both indexes have also turned negative for the year.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies dropped 31.03, or 3.77 percent, to 792.66.

A suicide bomber attack on the main U.S. military base in Afghanistan where Vice President Dick Cheney was visiting also rattled the market Tuesday.

Bird flu vaccine in works

Government agency accumulates reserves for possible outbreak

Andrew Bridges
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's better than nothing, federal health advisers said Tuesday in urging approval of the first bird flu vaccine as a stopgap against a potential pandemic until more effective vaccines can be developed.

The panel said in a 14-0 vote that the vaccine was effective, despite evidence it wouldn't protect most people against the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu. The panel then voted that it was safe.

"I hope we never have to use it," said panel member Dr. Melinda Wharton, deputy director of the national immunization program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "But this is the vaccine we have now."

The votes came after Food and Drug Administration officials said the Sanofi

Aventis SA vaccine could play an important role in protecting against a pandemic, considered ever more likely despite its limited effectiveness.

The government plans to buy and stockpile enough bird flu vaccine for 20 million people, including emergency and health care workers. The Sanofi vaccine wouldn't be sold commercially.

Dr. Jack Stapleton of the University of Iowa Hospital Clinic called the vaccine "better than nothing." Fellow panelist Robert Webster of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis likened the vaccine to a child's first step — "very tentative and very necessary to do" — before adding, "There is a long way to go."

The recommendation now goes to the FDA, which isn't required to follow the advice of its advisory committees but usually does. The vaccine is the first against the H5N1 influenza strain to seek government approval.

The vaccine already is being stockpiled, even without FDA approval, for eventual interim use to protect emergency workers and first responders

in a pandemic. It would be used until better vaccines could be developed.

Though not required for the limited usage planned, FDA approval of the vaccine would state the agency's opinion on its safety and effectiveness, said Dr. Jesse Goodman, FDA's chief of biologic products.

In a clinical trial, the two-shot series appears to provide protection to just 45 percent of adults who received the highest dose. An earlier analysis of the same study had suggested it prompted a protective immune response in 54 percent of patients, when measured 28 days after getting the second of two shots.

The latter analysis relied on tougher standards to show it worked, Sanofi said. Still, the FDA said it would like to see a response in at least 70 percent of those vaccinated against bird flu.

"The more antibodies, the better. But even at lower levels, there is a possibility of protection," Goodman told reporters on the sidelines of the meeting.

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U.N.: Serbia innocent in genocide accusations

International Court of Justice rules on 1990s massacre in Bosnia

The Associated Press

Netherlands — The U.N.’s highest court cleared Serbia Monday of genocide against Muslims in Bosnia’s bloody war. But it said the country’s former government should have stopped the 1995 slaughter of more than 7,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica and ordered Serb leaders to hand over the alleged architect of the massacre.

The case marked the first time a state had been taken to court over allegations of genocide, outlawed in a U.N. convention in 1948 after the Nazi Holocaust, although individuals have been convicted in genocide cases linked to massacres in Bosnia and Rwanda.

In a 171-page ruling, the International Court of Justice said the massacre of thousands of Muslims by Bosnian Serb forces at the U.N.-protected Srebrenica enclave was an act of genocide.

But the 15-judge panel rejected Bosnia’s claim that the Serbian state was responsible for the killing, saying it did not have effective control over the Bosnian Serb forces it had helped arm and finance.

Instead, the judges ruled that Serbia stood by and allowed the massacre to happen.

Serbia, “could, and should,

have acted to prevent the genocide, but did not,” the court’s president, Rosalyn Higgins, told reporters.

The ruling sparked outrage in Bosnia, which filed the case, and among dozens of war survivors who gathered outside the gates of the International Court of Justice.

“Shame on the people who reached such a verdict. How can they say not guilty of genocide when there are photos, video footage,” Zinaida Mujic of the Mothers of Srebrenica association said in Sarajevo.

The Srebrenica massacre was the worst mass killing in Europe since World War II and the bloodiest episode in the violent breakup of Yugoslavia into six independent states, including Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia. The fighting started in Slovenia in 1991, spread to Croatia in 1992 and Bosnia the same year leaving at least 200,000 dead. In the 1992-1995 Bosnian war, Muslims, Catholic Croats and Orthodox Serbs fought each other.

Higgins also condemned Serbia’s failure to hand over Bosnian Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic, indicted more than a decade ago by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the genocide in Srebrenica.

The court said there was “plentiful, and mutually corroborative, information suggesting that Gen. Mladic ... was on the territory of (Serbia) at least on several occasions and for



Amel Emric / The Associated Press

A Bosnian Muslim woman weeps during a demonstration in Sarajevo, Bosnia, on Tuesday. Thousands of Bosnian Muslims gathered to protest against the ruling.

substantial periods during the last few years and may still be there now.”

The order to arrest Mladic and other genocide suspects was part of the binding judgment in the case and failure to comply can be reported to the Security Council. However, the international community has been pushing Serbia to hand over Mladic for nearly 12 years without success.

The EU has made Serbia’s hopes for membership conditional on its cooperation in handing over Mladic and other fugitives.

While Higgins mentioned Mladic by name, his accused accomplice, former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic was not singled out. Karadzic is believed to be hiding somewhere in the Serb-controlled portion of Bosnia, out of Serbia’s reach.

Just last week, international forces in Bosnia raided the homes of Karadzic’s son and daughter, saying they were suspected of supporting their fugitive father.

Serbia’s President Boris Tadic welcomed the ruling and said cooperating with the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in handing over Mladic was key to the country’s future.

“Unless Serbia finally wraps up that cooperation ... I believe, as a state, it will face dramatic political and economic consequences,” Tadic said.

The moderate president is seeking to distance modern-day Serbia from the regime of former President Slobodan Milosevic, whose nationalist rhetoric fanned ethnic tensions in the former Yugoslavia.

However, U.N.

prosecutors say hard-line members of the country’s security forces are suspected of helping Mladic avoid capture.

In a further blow to Bosnia, the court also refused its request for compensation that could have run into billions of dollars. Instead, Higgins said Bosnia should be satisfied with the ruling that Serbia failed to prevent the genocide and the order to hand over suspects such as Mladic.

“Financial compensation is not the appropriate form of reparation for the breach of the obligation to prevent genocide,” the judgment said.

Outside the court building, dozens of Bosnian Muslim demonstrators chanted, “Thieves. Corrupt judges.”

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“The benefit of having a licensed vaccine against a potential pandemic influenza virus strain must be weighed against the risk of having no vaccine at the time of an inevitable influenza pandemic,” said Norman Baylor, director of the FDA’s vaccine office.

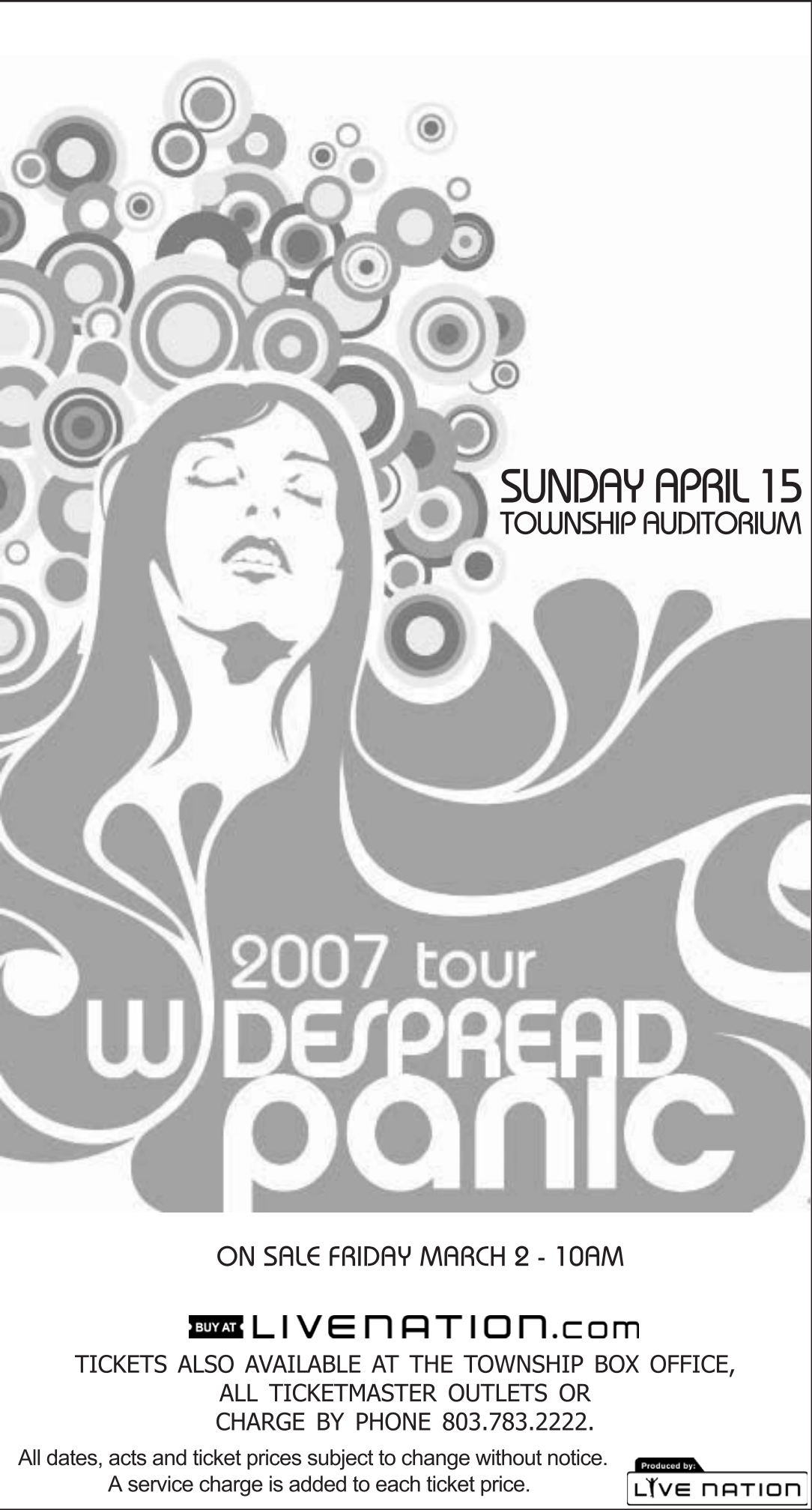
The vaccine’s modest protective effects were seen in patients who received two 90-microgram doses of vaccine. The two shots contain 12 times the 15-microgram dose contained in regular winter flu shots.

Already, there are additional studies under way looking at the use of immune boosters, called adjuvants, to try to improve the effectiveness of the H5N1 vaccine. Eventually, adjuvants also might shrink the needed dose for a pandemic vaccine closer to what’s now used in seasonal shots.

Scientists also are studying the development of cell-based vaccines, which would be faster to produce in an outbreak of deadly flu than are current egg-based vaccines.

Sanofi’s Kenneth Guito called the Paris-based company’s H5N1 vaccine “an important first step” in preparing for an outbreak of bird flu in humans. It would be for adults 18 to 64, although the company eventually would seek to expand that age range, Guito said.

Since it began ravaging Asian poultry farms in late 2003, the H5N1 strain of bird flu has killed at least 167 people worldwide, according to the World Health Organization. Health officials worldwide worry the strain could mutate into a form that spreads easily from person to person, sparking a pandemic.



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IN OUR OPINION

School stress a given; learn to deal with it

It's a good thing most students who suffer pressure from making a D on an exam or can't find time to write a 10-page paper don't show up at school with a knife, a four-page threatening letter and a sketchy white substance they claim is anthrax. According to CNN, a graduate student at a university in Missouri did exactly that on Tuesday.

With unstable people like that walking around campus, college life might be more stressful than the typical daily problems every student faces.

College is tough, it's designed that way or else they wouldn't call it "higher education." Reports say the man was stressed, depressed and upset about his grades. Join the club. But now he's sure to have many more bad days, and grades are probably the least of his worries.

College can be tough; it's designed to be that way or else they wouldn't call it "higher education." That doesn't give anyone the excuse to have a dramatic episode that costs the university money and threatens the lives of innocent students just trying to get their homework done.

This coward couldn't handle the pressure of schoolwork, and he decided instead of doing his homework, like millions of other college kids, he would write a four-page note that would ruin the rest of his life and many other people's day.

College isn't another step before the real world; this is the "real" world, and the decisions made today will change your future. Don't throw it away because you failed a couple of tests.

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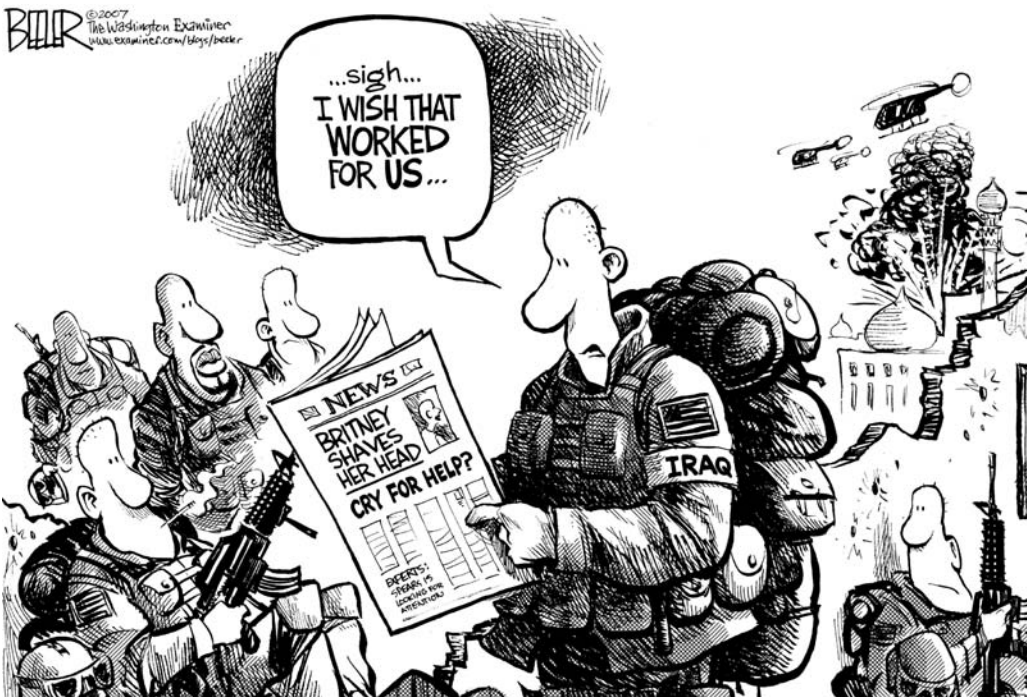
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FAIR, BALANCED AND MISBEHAVED

Religious texts have answers, insight

Doctrine should only be preached by those who know, understand ideas



MICHAEL STEVENS
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Religion is a belief in and reverence for a supernatural power or powers regarded as creator or governor of the universe. These beliefs are established and burgeoned by revered scriptures, which are deemed by followers to contain all of the dogmas and instructions bequeathed from a superior, divine being. For centuries, such convictions have remained virtually unchanged and have spread across the globe.

Why do the people who know the least about these traditions and teachings presume themselves to be the most acquainted with the nuances of various faiths?

Consider, some fellow students' reactions to our beloved, notorious "sidewalk preachers." Obviously, anyone who condemns short skirts, gold jewelry, braided hair and the act of turning your genitals into an amusement park rightfully earns the stigma of being a bit nutty.

It's the emotional, uneducated response of my peers that has me concerned. In spite of probably never reading the New Testament in its entirety, teachings and verses taken woefully out of context are bountifully quoted as retorts. It seems as though just the prominent existence of religion in our culture is enough for all of us to be experts.

Besides, we all know the basic plot of the Bible, right? It starts off with the big man wiggling out on Adam and Eve, then Moses crossed a creek or something, then that nativity thingy, the hero gets crucified, there's an empty grave in there somewhere, a guy named Paul (or Duane) rants about some crap for a while, a spooky anti-Christ emerges, a few plagues here and there, and then, presto, it closes with all of us burning in hell for all of eternity. Did I miss

anything? According to simplistic, popular knowledge—nope. Surely the New Testament, Koran and Torah never once referred to touchy subjects such as homosexuality. Well, Romans 1:25-27, Surah 26:166 and Leviticus 20:13 will shut that assumption up rather quickly.

The same goes for fornication, theft, murder, idolatry and a laundry list of other actions these religions judge to be offenses to God. If every religion were an all-inclusive club, what would be their purpose or significance?

Please consider reading the most widely accessible book in mankind's history before you embarrass yourself by blindly groping for doctrines you wrongly assume to exist.

If this same misguided standard of accuracy prevailed in our classrooms, think of how we would recall aspects of popular literature: Romeo would be a sterile eunuch, Beowulf a fabulous drag queen, Moby Dick a Hispanic dolphin, and Harry Potter would be an alter boy.

Betting big on relationships a gamble

Going "all in" might not be best bet, but folding doesn't teach anything



DREW ZOLIDES
First-year philosophy student

Ladies and gentlemen, I have a theory. I will say it plainly, because heavy-handed words will only distort its true meaning.

The theory is this: relationships are like Texas Hold 'Em. It's that simple. The analogy begins easily enough. Much like in Texas Hold 'Em, we are given a face card of our potential boyfriend or girlfriend.

These are just two cards, so we only get a small idea if this person (or hand) will end up working out for us in the end.

So we place our bets. We either think the cards are good enough and place a bet, or toss them away. In relationship terms, we either invest a little into this person (meaning we begin dating) or we just don't even want to risk anything, because the person truly doesn't attract us to begin with.

So now we have a relationship—and a bet.

Right off the bat we learn so much more about our relationship, or our hand, and how well it is working out for us. This is true because we immediately receive three more cards. This is parallel to the relationship because we learn so much more about our compatibility with this person at the beginning of the relationship. So we choose to either invest more into the hand/relationship, or we back out (if you haven't guessed it, you can always fold). Then we continue building our hand/relationship and we keep choosing to invest more or to end it. Here is where it gets interesting. What if we invest too much into a horrible hand?

We get stuck, and have to invest more and more until we get stuck at the end with a bad relationship. The result is the same in both cases. We cry and

can't believe what we just did.

But what if the hand we have looks really good? In fact, we are sitting on an aces-high flush and (of course) betting a lot of dough on it. We go through with the hand all the way.

Unfortunately, we sometimes end up being smacked by a full house no one saw coming. We have now lost all we have invested—and yes, the crying begins.

But the worst possible scenario of all is if we go "all in" on a losing hand. I don't need to further explicate the metaphor here.

So what do we learn from this?

We are not all daredevils when it comes to betting. It is understandable to be afraid of going in when the cards in the hole are an unsuited deuce and a seven. But we need to at least look at the flop if we are to get any idea of how good that deuce and seven can be.

Be careful of your bets, but do not be afraid to take a risk. In the end, we can never win if we never play the hand.

Inexperienced air travelers desperately need lessons

Airports annoying enough already without having burden of amateur flyers

As spring break approaches and I face another three-hour flight home to Dallas, I can't help but think about how much I dread the airport,

especially Columbia Metropolitan.

My last experience there had me waking up at 4 a.m. to catch a 6 a.m. flight, only to be informed that my plane would not be leaving

until noon that day. I don't know if you've ever been to Columbia's airport, but it's pretty small, particularly when you're used to giants like Dallas-Fort Worth International or Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta. There are two bookstores and a restaurant, and that's the end of the line.

As I sat at the gate waiting out my six-hour delay, I had a lot of time to think of all the things I hate about the airport and flying. The mile-long security line or people shouting into cell phones. Sitting in the middle seat next to the guy who hasn't showered in six days, or the woman with the miniscule bladder requiring four bathroom trips in one flight.

My personal favorite is inexperienced travelers. These are the people who so infrequently visit airports that they are unable to navigate the ticket counter, gates and most noticeably the security checkpoints. Come on people, it's been more than five years since the airport security process changed. No, you can't take your lighter on the plane with you. Yes, you need to take your shoes off.

Granted, some prohibited items are more obvious than others, but most of the more obscure items are posted somewhere in the vicinity of the security line. The Transportation Security Administration's list of items includes things such as lighters and mace, but also informs you to leave your cattle prods and nunchucks at home. You can complain and shoot as many contemptuous looks at the TSA employees as your heart desires, but the rules simply aren't going to change for you. Whip off those Pumas so the rest of us can catch our planes.

It seems to me a phenomenon takes place at the airport, in which the little order that exists in the outside world disappears the minute you get to the ticket counter. Such are the woes of air travel, and if I want to continue attending school here from so far out of state, I guess I'll just have to deal.

Air travel has its perks. It's a heck of a lot faster than driving, gives you an excellent people-watching venue and they do give you free peanuts, but even that's going downhill. Living in Texas means many more trips to Columbia Metropolitan are in the cards for me. For now, I guess I'll just endure the chaos, enjoy some people watching and thank God for direct flights.



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Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK
The Pavilion Cafe offers a blackboard of drink flavors and down-home style cooking straight from the grill.

Southern cafe mixes cultures

Local eatery offers successful mix of artsy vibe, homestyle food

Rebecca Wilson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

“The Pavilion Cafe”
1301 State St., Cayce
★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆

The Pavilion Café on State Street in Cayce across from Brookland Cayce High School, attempts to blend down-home country cooking with an artsy coffee shop.

While the food quality does not suffer, the atmosphere is an interesting mix of Southern home-style and alternative bean company.

Entering the Pavilion feels very much like

entering any local coffee shop, complete with a blackboard of drink flavors and large wood pay counter.

However, a glance to the right reveals a darkened dining room with an assortment of chairs and diner-like ketchup bottles.

Rebekah Twitty, who has worked at the Pavilion for the past five years, said the café started eight years ago as a simple coffee and deli, but soon expanded to include a grill.

They added an additional dining room to support their expanding menu, which includes a mixture of deli sandwiches and drinks, as well as “Hot off the Grill Sandwiches” and homemade desserts.

The regular assortment of soups and salads run

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The Dr. Style

Tending to Your Fashion Wounds

Justin Fenner
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Dear Style Doctor,
I’m a guy who’s having shoe problems. I get a pair that I really love, and then I just wear them to death. They get scraggly, they don’t match what I’m wearing sometimes, but more often than not, they just feel really, really comfortable and I like having them on. But then I run into the problem of not having the proper shoes for the right occasion, and I’m stuck there. Do I really need to have a shoe for every situation, or is it OK to have one safe, reliable pair that I can wear all the time?
- Needy in Nike

Dear Needy,
There’s no reason to be so bent out of shape about your shoes. As with most men’s style questions, there are some pretty general guidelines when it comes to what to put on your feet. First and foremost, one pair of shoes is not going to cut it — that’s why there are so many different types! At the very least, all men should have one pair of dress shoes, one pair of athletic-type shoes, one pair of boots and one pair of summer shoes — either a sandal or something that’s very light and breathes.

The good part about having so many different kinds of shoes is that you are prepared for every situation that you come up against — while one pair of shoes may make getting dressed every day a little simpler, having to wear torn up tennis shoes to, say, a wedding will be more embarrassing than practical.

But the problem with having different types of shoes often comes about when you realize that you need a different kind of a particular type of shoe.

Variety is indeed the spice of life, but people with too many shoes often can get nitpicky when deciding which shoes to wear.

You really can have too much of a good thing in this case. It’s better here to keep it simple. I advise versatility with shoes.

You do need to have at least these four types of shoes, but each should get maximum use.

Buy black leather dress shoes — you’ll be able to use them with any suit or formal attire you may be

STYLE ● 8

Best dressed stay classic



The Associated Press

The mood at the Oscars was a bit more lighthearted than in the past years, thanks to host Ellen DeGeneres. Fashions on the red carpet ranged from simple to obscure.

This was the year for trying new things; new colors, textures, etc. But the women who looked the best aired on the side of caution.

According to an online poll at www.dailygamecock.com, 28 percent of voters agree that Helen Mirren was the best-dressed woman of the night.

Here’s our top 5:

1. **Helen Mirren:** Christian Lacroix gown in a lovely gold/pewter color, very age appropriate, ballet neckline was graceful and not too ostentatious, Chopard jewelry

2. **Nicole Kidman:** daring lipstick-red number by Balenciaga, great attention to subtle detail with the bow on the shoulder/back

area, the color was befitting of her saucy personality

3. **Maggie Gyllenhaal:** dark navy satin gown by Proenza Schouler, looked great after bouncing back from having a baby, the one-shoulder neckline and dark color suited her air of mystery and kept to her independent personality

4. **Kate Winslet:** mint green Valentino Couture gown, the Grecian neckline softened her and

the fabric created fluidity on her curvaceous frame, the green was a pleasant spring preview surprise, Chopard jewelry

5. **Jessica Biel:** coming a long way from “7th Heaven,” a glamorous fuchsia gown by Oscar de la Renta with Neil Lane jewelry. The belted accent around the waist helped the dress transition from fall to spring, hair was elegant in an up do fit for royalty

— Krysta Johnson

Famous New York busker bares it all

The Naked Cowboy proves to be more than a guy in a pair of tighty-whities with a patriotic guitar in Times Square

Marc Ramirez
MCT Campus

To know Naked Cowboy is to ride the open range of the subconscious, to walk fearlessly into a bar fight at the Existentialism Saloon wearing nothing but tighty-whities.

His parents may know him as Robert Burck of Cincinnati, Ohio, but thousands more recognize him as New York City's Naked Cowboy, a beefcake busker in Times Square whose all-weather uniform is little more than hat, boots and red-white-and-blue guitar. Eventually, he hopes to spend winters in warmer climates, reaching a state of perpetual skivviness.

Spitting stream-of-consciousness campfire-coffee philosophy en route to photo ops and national appearances, he's proved that it's not how you brand your cattle that counts, it's how you brand yourself.

Q: Why Naked Cowboy? Why not Naked Fireman or Naked President?

A: The constellation of stars at my conception ... The cowboy's always been the guy who's brave. There's a whole naked movement I've started in this world. There's Naked Cowgirl, Naked Trucker, Naked Chef. But I'm a registered

trademark.

Q: Would you describe yourself as the good, the bad or the ugly?

A: I believe there's no distinction between the three.

Q: What brand of tighty-whities are you partial to?

A: Fruit of the Looms. Boys' size 16. I can't wear baggy underwear. I put on two pairs in the morning, then I put jeans and clothes on top of that (until I get to Times Square). Ultimately, I will be in underwear around the clock. In winters I will be in Rio, in Key West, marketing every second of my life.

Q: How do you prepare for your work, mentally?

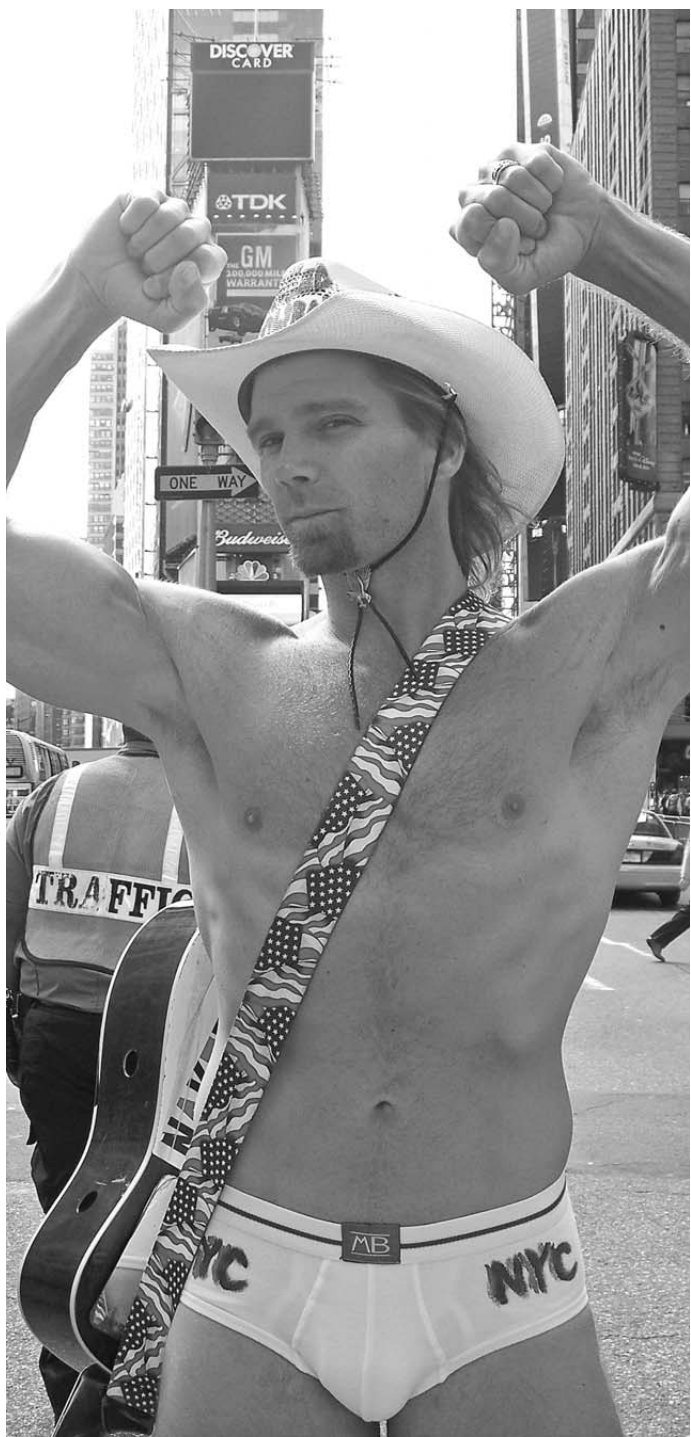
A: I get up, read Emerson for two or three hours, go to the gym and get on the elliptical and run for a hour reading my Naked Cowboy dialogue... It's nonstop mental preparation. There is no end to anything I do; I'm a mortal who's going to live forever.

Q: What does a Naked Cowboy eat for dinner?

A: Chicken and veggies, pretty much around the clock.

Q: What's the strangest photo anyone's asked you to take?

A: There's one where I'm in the arms of the original cowboy from The Village



Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Robert Burck of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the philosophical and innovative marketer known as the Naked Cowboy.

People.

Q: What does your mom say about her baby growing up to be Naked Cowboy?

A: She thinks it's the coolest thing in the world. She made the outfit — she gave me my chromosomes. Doesn't it work like that?

Q: What do you wish you could change about your job?

A: I don't have a job. I just exist as myself. The only thing is that I'm still making that progression to being in my underwear at all times.

Advice book relies on real people for insight

MCT Campus

Looking for ways to overcome obstacles to make a change? Here's some advice from the book "Be the Change! Change the World. Change Yourself." (Hundreds of Heads Books, www.hundredsofheads.com, \$14.95), straight from people who've done it:

"One way I keep my energy up is by surrounding myself with a good network of support. I'm not just talking friends and family — having people around who can really relate to your work is important. If such a network doesn't exist, start one! It can be small, just two or three people who understand each other's day-to-day struggles and accomplishments." George Theoar, Des Moines, Iowa

"If you are out there working in your community and you aren't getting discouraged, you're not paying attention. That's why it is so important to work on a team. Stay around people who can buck you up and keep you on track, people who can share their methods of getting over frustration and discouragement. It's fundamentally frustrating work, community service and you need a good support system to get you through the tough times." John Gomperts, Washington, D.C.

"There is so much suffering in the world right now. It would be entirely too easy to become overwhelmed by any number of things happening at this moment. The most significant thing that has helped me to cope has been making a commitment to a spiritual

practice. Spending time every day with my breath and my body — through the practices of meditation and yoga — has kept me alive in the work that I do and allows me to keep putting one foot in front of the other. It's practice that deepens our awareness, our compassion, and our wisdom." Claudia Horwitz, Durham, N.C.

"If you want to quit, just remember that time in your life (and we all have had at least one) when you really needed help. Grasp that feeling and remember how thankful you were that someone helped you, and how awful it may have been if they had not." Stefani Hisler, Tampa, Fla.

"When I hit a burnout phase, I take a month or two off from volunteering to step back and realize that I don't have to do everything. I am only one person and can only do so much. Now I know that doing two or three volunteer things in a month is fine and just as appreciated." Stephanie Hagyard, Belmont, Mass.

"If you're working on projects where daily progress is less obvious, it can be helpful to mix in some other very tangible volunteer projects. On some projects, the progress you make every day is very evident, and this can be helpful." Fred Northrup Jr., Seattle

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about \$5.95, and the deli sandwiches are priced between \$3.35 to \$4.45 for a sandwich and your choice of chips or fries.

The "Hot off the Grill Sandwiches" include a variety of hamburgers and cheeseburgers, from a chili cheeseburger to a mushroom and Swiss burger, to the vegetarian Boca burger.

The menu also includes an assortment of chicken sandwiches: you can choose between the chicken cordon bleu, a grilled chicken sandwich and Jeremy's Grilled Chicken sandwich — a delicious sandwich of grilled chicken and mushrooms, topped with onions and Swiss cheese and placed on thick Texas toast.

All sandwiches are served with your choice of potato: fried, wedged, seasoned fried, baked or sweet, and range in price from \$3.35 to \$6.45.

One of the most popular menu choices is the eight-ounce hamburger steak dinner, Twitty said.

The hamburger steak dinner is a feast of salad, steak, your choice of potatoes

and Texas toast.

Homemade desserts and milkshakes, root beer floats and the Muddy Mocha — a blend of mocha and ice cream — are also on the menu.

At the Pavilion Café you are likely to hear a conversation about local bands playing in local venues, or how the new pastor at church is holding up.

Grandparents treating their grandchildren to a good meal are common customers, and many are greeted by those working at the Pavilion as if they were family.

The café also plays hosts to live bands most weekends. The majority of the music is folk, Twitty said, with many artists from the Jesus Movement in music of the '60s and '70s.

Barry Maguire, who sang the '60s hit "Eve of Destruction," recently performed there.

The Pavilion Café has good food and a friendly atmosphere, so don't be thrown by the unlikely mesh of coffee and fried chicken.

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called upon to use.

Get a classic pair of white tennis shoes — the Converse Jack Purcell can be worn at any time with almost any type of clothing.

Boots are a must for inclement weather, so it's always good to have a sturdy

pair of Timberlands or something steel-toed.

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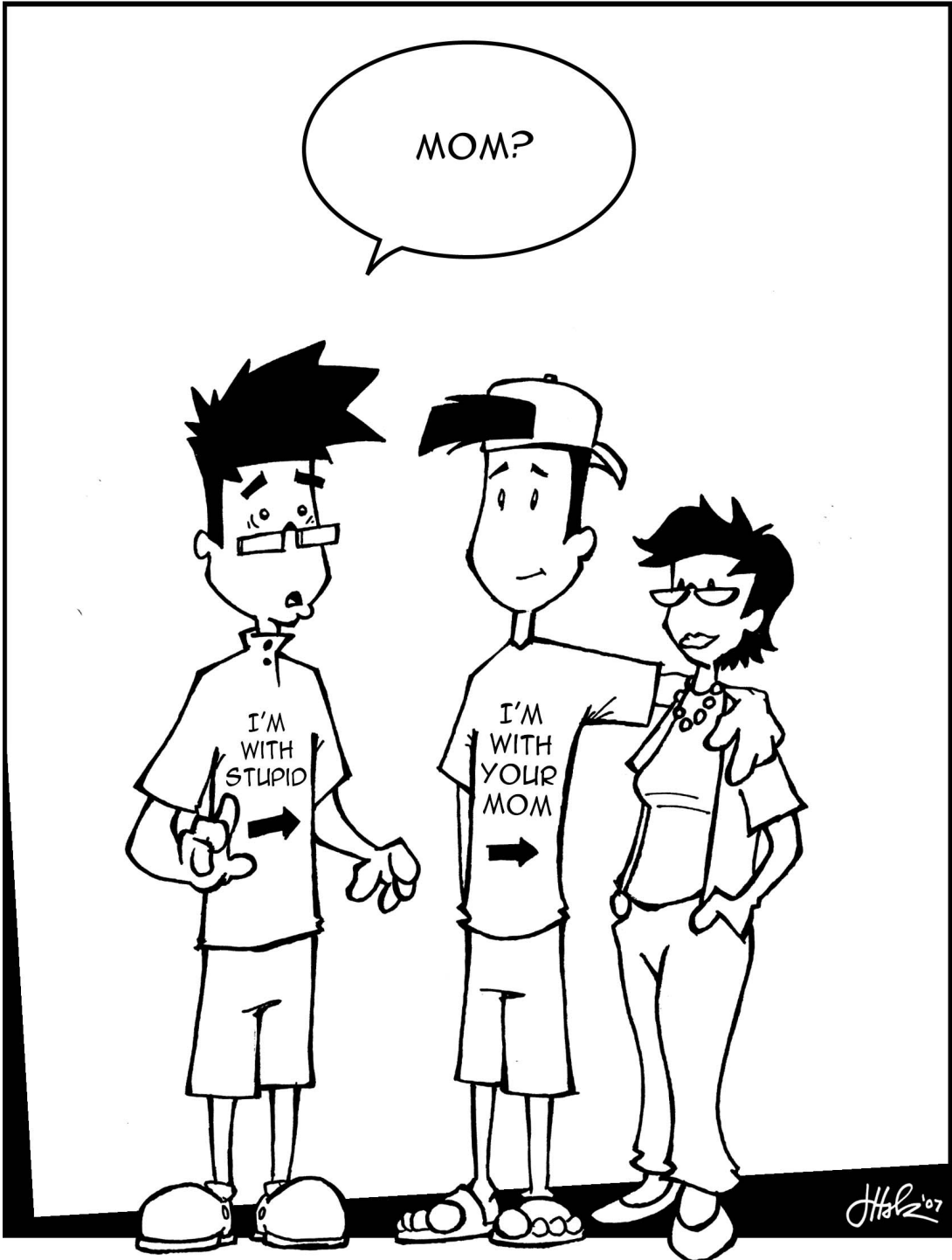
PIC OF THE DAY



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A man auction is held in Capstone Tuesday night to raise charity money. The event allowed bidders a choice of students from Capstone and Columbia Hall.

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How to Play
Complete the grid so each row, column AND 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solutions to Tuesday's Sudoku

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Aries You're doing the preparation now. Try not to attract attention.
Taurus You have the objective want to accomplish. You can get the financing. You can put together the team to do it. Begin.
Gemini You do have to be careful. Don't let it all hand out. There's big money involved here, so show you have some class.
Cancer Make it a habit to check all your work before you send it out. It's also a good idea to always think before you speak.
Leo It doesn't seem like you're getting much done, but actually, you are. It's all the behind-the-scenes kind of necessities that you will build upon.
Virgo Confine your conversations to work-related topics. Take your suggestion to someone who can do something about it.
Libra You're gaining a lot of appreciation, while not getting any richer. Be gracious in accepting awards, however.
Scorpio Follow through with the project you started yesterday. Don't talk it up yet. That'll come later.
Sagittarius This assignment is more of a mystery to be solved. Start out by following the money trail, without telling anybody.
Capricorn Hard work is necessary sometimes, but that's not all there is. To be truly successful, you also need management skills.
Aquarius A lot of the problems you've been working on are almost solving themselves.
Pisces You're just about to come up with a magnificent idea. You're getting support from a person you love, but the credit for this is all yours.

Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Seniors ready for final home game

Kelley, Wallace, Sheldon gear up to play last hoorah at Colonial Center

Brian Saal
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Three men’s basketball seniors will put on their home jerseys for the last time Wednesday night. Tre’ Kelley, Brandon Wallace and Bryce Sheldon — along with the rest of the Gamecocks — will try to avoid a losing season with a victory against Vanderbilt at the Colonial Center. Carolina (14-13, 4-10), who is tied for last place in the SEC with LSU, needs a strong finish to get a higher seed in the conference tournament next week.

No. 9 ranked Vanderbilt (19-9, 9-5) is second place in the SEC, and will bring a high-scoring offense that averages 76.3 points a game and a stellar .463 percentage from the field. Compare that to the Gamecock’s 64.7 points per game and .425 percentage. The Commodores crushed Carolina’s hearts on Valentine’s Day with a 78-68 win in Nashville.

Expect the same amount of fireworks for the season’s final home game. The highlight will be the matchup between two of the frontrunners for the SEC Player of the Year — Vandy’s Derrick Byars and Carolina’s Kelley, who is second in the SEC with points per game. Byars is right on Kelley’s heels at No. 4, and he out-shot Kelley in Nashville, scoring 32 points compared to Kelley’s 21.

Despite the 10-point loss, coach Dave Odom said it was a whole lot closer than that. We were only down one with 2-3 minutes to go, and we made a few unforced turnovers and we gave up two threes to (Alex) Gordon and that did us in,” Odom said.

Carolina is coming off an impressive 76-63 home victory against Ole Miss over the weekend. This means USC could end the season with a winning record if it can outplay Vanderbilt tonight and LSU on the road Saturday. Vandy had an impressive week that included knocking off first ranked Florida and Kentucky. The Commodores defeated the Gators by 13 points, but the celebration didn’t last long. Vandy suffered a loss by the same amount to



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Senior guard Bryce Sheldon and the Gamecocks take on No. 19 Vanderbilt tonight. A win guarantees a winning record for the 14-13 squad.



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Inferno defender Tyson Marsh protects the goal Tuesday night from Pensacola’s Ice Pilots.

Inferno burn Ice Pilots 5-4

Right wing Jeff Miles scores in shootout to keep playoff hopes alive

Cory Burkarth
STAFF WRITER

When the Columbia Inferno and Pensacola Ice Pilots play each other, they look more like the Little Giants and the Bad News Bears of ice hockey instead of two teams still fighting for a shot to make the playoffs.

Tuesday the two teams faced off against each other for the ninth of ten meetings, and thanks to two goals in regulation and one in the shootout by the Inferno’s Jeff Miles,

Columbia beat Pensacola 5-4. The Inferno twice trailed the Ice Pilots but managed to come back and send the game to a shootout. “Battling back is always tough,” said Miles, who was named the game’s first star. “To get some momentum like that, this was a big win for us.”

Goalie Todd Ford started in net for the Inferno and turned aside 31 of 35 shots in

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ESPN network’s NASCAR coverage needs to drop caution on pointless races

Sacredness of multiple sports channels tainted by monotonous replays

Some of you might not be aware of the pure blessing that university cable is. You might not know that we get five ESPN channels: ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Classic, ESPN News and ESPN. All serve an individual purpose, and all are sacred.

I come from a house where we only get two ESPNs. So imagine my glee when I got to college and had even more ESPN than when I left.

But this sacred and wonderful right was violated two weeks ago. Something about NASCAR was on all five ESPN channels.

I’ll be a man and admit that I cried. I lost a little bit of myself that day, because I realized that ABC’s contract with NASCAR was going to last eight years. For the next eight

years ESPN will spend all of its free time trying to convince me and other sports fans that NASCAR is somehow worth our time.

I’m aware that there are tons of NASCAR fans out there. There are also tons of people out there who are fans of brussels sprouts, you don’t see them crawling out from under their trailer parks ... err ... rocks to criticize me when I say I don’t like brussels sprouts.

There is only a 30-second excerpt of NASCAR that is even remotely interesting to me, the final stretch of the last lap. The only other thing that happens in NASCAR is people driving in circles for three hours at a time.

If I wanted to watch that, I’d call up my dad and ask him if he wants to teach me to drive in the empty Kroger’s parking lot back home. At least that way I’d be able to take an active role. Maybe I can even convince pops to call me Jeff Gordon.

NASCAR (or car racing in general) is the only “sport” where people are not actively attempting to

take the lead throughout the entire competition. Ask Dave Odom or Steve Spurrier if they would rather have an opponent take the lead early so they can “draft” and make a run at the end of the game and they’ll laugh you out of their office.

If people aren’t really going to try to win until the final lap why even bother having the rest of the race? If NASCAR events were one-lap races, I would be an avid fan.

However, if people believe that I am interested in ESPN spending hours talking about Michael Waltrip being a centimeter low on his coolant or Dale Earnhardt Jr. not having the specified amount of wiper fluid in his car they are more mistaken than Clemson is backwards.

This is all I want. I want NASCAR to go back to being an option. I don’t want to have to watch something other than ESPN if I don’t want to watch NASCAR. I’m aware that some people like it, but just because ABC is televising it doesn’t mean that ESPN needs to shove it down my throat, too.


MICHAEL AGUILAR
Second-year English student

Shalonda Solomon fights for fast titles

Junior sprinter track star attacks sports world full-speed ahead

Matt Moore
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

How fast is fast?

A second is pretty quick, and even a minute doesn't leave you with much to do. According to state law, 100 mph is a little too fast.

Merriam-Webster defines fast as the ability to move quickly, and, if it's that simple, Shalonda Solomon is fast.

In 22.85 seconds, the junior sprinter from Inglewood, Calif., sped her way to the fastest women's 200-meter time recorded in the world this year at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

"I just want to run fast so people can know my name," said Solomon. "Knowing that I have the fastest time this season is a pretty good honor."

If the single record

isn't enough, her list of achievements is. Solomon is a 10-time All-American, the 2006 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor 200 meter champion and the 2005 NCAA Indoor 4x400 meter champion.

Soloman did all of this in her freshman and sophomore seasons, and she's picked up this season right where she left off.

Along with the fastest 200-meter time this year, she has already been named SEC runner of the week twice. Solomon is ranked first in the country in the 200 meter according to Trackshark.com's Dandy Dozen.

She placed second in the 55-meter dash at last month's Gamecock Invitational, setting a new track record of 6.78 seconds, only to be upstaged by high school

student and USC commit Kya Brookins. Solomon placed fourth in the 60-meter dash at the SEC Championships this past weekend and second in the 200-meter race.

But as far as goals go, it is simple for Solomon.

"This season I'm trying to break the record in the 200 meter," she said.

Shalonda Solomon is fast, and she wants to be the fastest.

It doesn't end on the track for her though. Solomon is a dedicated nursing student.

"School is a struggle, but to accomplish school would be an honor," she said. "To accomplish nursing, which is a tough major, and track at the same time is nothing but a blessing that I can get when I complete it."

If working for a degree and racing for world records

isn't enough for the 21-year-old's plate, throw in hopes for a trip to Beijing in 2008.

Last year, Solomon placed second in the 200 meter USA Outdoor Championships, and a performance like that in a qualifier would land her a spot on the Olympic team.

"It would be a blessing," she said. "It's something I've always wanted to do, and I finally get to do it if the Lord blesses me to make it. There's never an ultimate because being human we're never satisfied. We always want more, but to win a gold medal in the Olympics would be a great honor."

Shalonda Solomon is very fast.

That should be satisfaction enough.



Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Shalonda Solomon sprints toward her Olympic dreams.

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the win.

"I thought Fordo made the key saves, but I didn't think he was particularly sharp," Inferno head coach Troy Mann said. "He got us the saves when we needed them and we were able to come back and get the win."

The Ice Pilots lit the lamp first, just 4:30 into the opening period on forward Rene Gauthier's third goal of the season which Inferno goalie Ford probably should have stopped.

The Inferno tied it up with 6:23 to go in the first when right wing Jeff Miles scored his 19th goal of the season. Miles skated into the zone along the boards to the right of Ice Pilots' goalie Michael Mole and cut in front of Mole and tucked it between his legs.

Less than three minutes later, the Ice Pilots got that one back on right wing John Hecimovic's team-high 18th goal of the season. Hecimovic has only appeared in 27 games for the Ice Pilots this season and has seven goals and four assists against the Inferno in only seven games.

Miles scored his second goal of the night and 20th of the season 5:07 into the second period when he got hold of the loose puck in front of the net and slapped it past Mole to tie the game at two.

With 6:45 remaining, left wing Anthony Battaglia netted his 16th goal of the season when he was fed a

pass by center Brad Ralph and fired off a one-timer that sailed past Mole to give the Inferno a 3-2 lead.

That 3-2 lead was gone less than a minute later when Pensacola's Sergei Ogorodnikov skated behind the left side of Ford, stopped, and managed to squeeze the puck in between Ford and the goal post to tie the game at three.

Pensacola took a 3-4 lead with 3:23 gone into the final period when left wing David Wrigley scored on a rebound that bounced off of Ford.

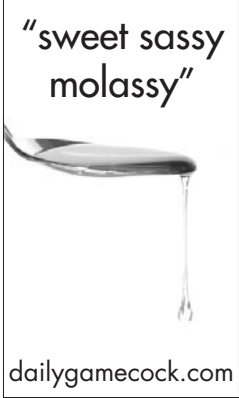
With 9:12 remaining in regulation, Inferno right wing Luke Fulghum scored his 15th of the season on a wrist shot that sailed over Mole's left shoulder. With neither team scoring again in both regulation and the 5-minute overtime, the game went to a shootout.

In the shootout, Ford allowed one goal to Ogorodnikov but stoned the Ice Pilots other three shooters. Battaglia, right wing Chris Thompson and Miles scored for the Inferno to give them the win and a 5-3-1 advantage in the season series.

Parting Shots- Miles now is the Inferno's leader in goals scored... Last night's attendance was 2,436... The Inferno are 9-14-4 at home and are the only team in the ECHL that has yet to win ten games at home ice... The Inferno return to the Coliseum on Friday when they host the Gwinnett Gladiators... Saturday, the

Florida Everblades return to the Coliseum for the first time since on Dec. 17... Saturday's game against Florida will be the Inferno's final Saturday game of the season and they have nine home games left before the season ends on April 7.

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Mississippi State two days later.

Odom said he has a clear gameplan to defeat the Commodores Wednesday. iIf we can stop their transition and not give them easy baskets, keep their second shots down to a minimum and get with their three-point shooters and stay (with) them,i Odom said. iI think Vanderbilt is improved since we played them. They

are an excellent basketball team and a tough team to match up with. We have our hands full Wednesday night. i

Carolina will face Alabama in the SEC Tournament next week. As the Eastern Division's six seed faces the West's third. The tide could change however depending on how Auburn, Mississippi and Mississippi State finish.

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